Editorial Miscellany.

It is not too late to send us subscribers at fifty cents for balance of the year.

Rome reports 222 deaths from cholera, in the kingdom of Italy, in 24 hours.

Leavenworth City, Kansas, is happy. A new Soldier's Home has been located there.

The Protestant Sunday school of Brooklyn, last year gave $83,000 for benevolent causes.

Brother C. Meyers, of Millersburg, Indiana, sends us $12 and a list of subscribers. Thanks for all such favors.

Sister Sarah J. Major died on the 18th instant, aged 76 years. We hope to give a more extended notice next week.

The Plymouth church is going back on Beecher for his political speech making in favor of Grover Cleveland.

A terrific cyclone passed over Bradford and Shongo, Alleghany county, Pa., last Sunday, destroying both life and property.

"As ithers see us." An Indian Sunday school lately sent $10 to the International covention at Louisville, to help "Christianize the whites."

Elder Isaac Kilhefner will preach, by special request, at Slocum's school house, one mile east of Ashland, next Sunday, October 5th, at 2:30 p. m.

Man of the world! Bad as we Christians are—and none can know that badness as we ourselves—*your* world would be worse if we were not in it. —*Dr. John Hall.*

Brother R. K. Binkley, of Huntingdon, Indiana, has fulfilled his pledge in getting us five subscribers at two dollars each, and deserves this creditable notice.

Controversy is legitimate and necessary as long as error exist, and no great doctrine or principle has been fully developed and understood without controversy.—Philip Schaff, D. D.

An exchange tells of a revival in the Beaver Creek church, (county and State not mentioned,) which resulted in 54 additions to the Brethren church. We hope to hear more about this meeting.

The cause of Christian education is the cause of God. It is well for Brethren to remember this and then pray for it and work for it, as we pray and work for any other department of church work.

The papers state that Mr. George Chainy, of Boston, has lately been converted from Agnosticism to Spiritualism. When there is such a mixture of isms we are somewhat agnostic about the conversion.

We have no copyright on the name Brethren, but we shall endeavor to keep our name untarnished so that we need not be ashamed of it ourselves, and others will gladly forsake their own and adopt ours.

"Inasmuch as annual meeting has decided that sisters shall not wear hats, elders and officers should see that this decision is carried out. Elders who do not do so, shall be dealt with as transgressors."—Decisions of Annual Meeting, 1881, page 62 of report.

A great statesman once said about slavery, "There is no other side of it." The same is true of the liquor traffic. Hence it is that our temperance lecturers are not replied to with arguments by the Rum power. The same is true concerning another issue we know of.

Wanted,—at this office a report of every new church that has been built and dedicated by the Brethren church since 1882; together with the value of the building and grounds. Will some one in each congregation please send us this information at as early a day as possible.

The Postmaster at New Orleans has created a new postoffice at the World's Exposition, to be known as the Exposition Station. This convenience will be highly appreciated by the hundreds of thousands of visitors who will ere long, flock to that spot from all parts of the world.

The editor and business manager of the Eastern house of the *Gospel Messenger*, has been to the Ephrata cloister, and has found while there, "Unmistakable evidences of the dangers of uninispired interpretations of the Scriptures." We think he he might have found the same nearer home.

Brother Perry preached at the College last Sunday. The sermon was a good one, and we hope we may be able to lay it before our readers sometime. Many of our readers are living isolated from church services, and it would be desirable to publish more sermons than we have been able to do, heretofore.

Elder S. Z. Sharp writes for the *Messenger* telling its readers about farming on the western plains; alfalfa, clover, irrigating canals, German Baptist elders, cow-boys, and cattle. We suppose it is the overflow of his new paper, The ——, excuse us, it is so long since we have seen a copy, that we have forgotten the name.

The Emperor of China has given orders to destroy $4,000,000 worth of opium. This seems like great waste, yet it is far less wasteful to destroy such stuff than to use it in the way the Chinese use it. The same is also true of the rum and tobacco habit in this country. But could not all this waste be saved for good purposes?

The word News originated, we are told, from the words North, East, West, and South. Combining the four first letters of these words makes the word NEWS, as denoting the happenings from all points of the compass. Send it along, brethren. We want to publish the tidings of joy from all the churches, North, East, West, and South.

It seems that Mormonism is constantly increasing in numbers and influence. Their proselytes from foreign shores arrive by hundreds and we are constrained to ask, in the name of Heaven, is there no way by which this hideous moral plague can be blotted out? Where is the statesman or philanthroptst that can solve the problem?

Once upon a time when a new preacher was under discussion, there happened to be at least one sensible man in the company, who used his good sense by remaining silent. At last one of the company appealed directly to the man of sense with, "And what do you think of our new preacher?" "I think he is a middle-aged man," was the sensible reply.

Elder J. H. Swihart, writing from Millersburg, Iowa, under date of September 19th, says, "I have now been here for a few days, telling the story of Jesus and the Cross. The revival wave is moving and sinners are coming home. People of many creeds are accepting the word, and are confessing that Christ is the Son of God, and are being baptized in his holy name.

There are no special excursion trains from earth to heaven. But Christ offers a ticket at all times to all who desire to go. It was purchased by his own blood and is given freely; yet many prefer to pay a big price for a ticket on the train that runs on the broad guage road to destruction. Money, fame, earthly and sensual enjoyments are preferred to a journey with Jesus and a landing with him in the Paradise of God.

The strength of a congregation may be developed:

1st. By finding something for each member to do.

2nd. By putting all the members to work.

3rd. By dispensing with all silly talk.

4th. By singing, praying and conversing together of God and his truth.

5th. By striving after an increase of holiness in the members.

Elder George Worst, of the German Baptist church, is worthy of commendation for his consistency. He has quit the use of tobacco, and believes in enforcing the decisions of his church's annual meeting on all the members alike. He does not believe in bringing condemnation on himself in helping to expel others for transgressing the minutes while he is living in flagrant violation of them himself. See A. M. decision as quoted in another column.

"In a late epistle from Elder Isaac Price we learn that his zeal for the good of Zion is still unabated. His charity is Christ-like and would gladly embrace every true lover of God as belonging to the Lord's kingdom."—*Gospel Messenger.*

How much of this "zeal" and "Christ-like charity" do you possess, brother H. B. B.? Do you, too, embrace all your brethren regardless of the divisions caused by "uninspired interpretations," as does Elder Isaac Price? Come, now, let us have yes, or no, to this question.

Brother Alvin Cover was overwhelmed with grief by receiving a telegram last week, informing him of the death of his brother. He left for Berlin on the first train and we have only learned that he arrived safely. We deeply sympathize with brother Alvin and the bereaved family and feel to mingle our tears with theirs upon this occasion, and commend him to Him who mingled His tears with the bereaved family of Bethany, and who will not fail to sympathize with the bereft, even now.

In our anxiety to get our paper out in time last week, we allowed the forms to go to press without reading some of the revision sheet, thinking that our readers would more readily excuse mistakes, than delay. We were, however, chagrined in finding more mistakes than we anticipated. Our compositors are first class, and generally do not make many mistakes, but mistakes will sometimes occur in spite of the best care. As an evidence of this, please read the article on "Typographical Errors," in this week's paper and exercise charity.

The Christian Woman's Exchange, of New Orleans, has publicly invited the co-operation of the women of all countries in the great work of perfecting the department of woman's work at the World's Exposition. There has long been need of a central organization to harmonize and regulate the efforts that have been made independently by various associations throughout the country composed of women. The above named exchange has the confidence of the public and has been authorized to take up the work by the Board of Exposition managers.

Rev. P. A. Sequin, formerly a priest in the Roman Catholic church, and for the last four years a devout evangelist is publishing a religious French paper "La Trompette Evangelique," which we are told he edits and with his own hand sets up all the type. This is the only French Evangelical paper published in the United States. The editor is striking heavy blows at the papacy. Terms $1.00 per year in advance, to all parts of the United States.

Rev. Sequin holds religious services every Sabbath, 4 o'clock, P. M., at Maskell Hall, corner Desplaines and Jackson Sts., Chicago.

We have but meagre reports from the meeting at Fair Haven. Prof. Ward and brother D. J. Meyers were over last Sunday and came back to Ashland some time near the close of Sunday and the beginning of Monday. We saw the Professor on Monday morning, but he had been so wonderfully enthused by the praise-meeting held on Sunday, that he could not tell us how many conversions had taken place up to date. He only knew to tell us that the rain and storm had materially interfered with the meeting, and that some had professed Christ, and that the meeting was being continued. The rest was all about the praise-meeting, the good singing and the religious zeal among the Brethren at Fair Haven. Bashor was in his element, Brown was in his glory, Keifer was happy, and the church is having a feast of fat things.

Professor Hezard, of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, the leader of scientific Atheism in his country has had his infidelity broken down lately. He speaks, in publishing one of his works, in reference to his change of belief as follows: "Full of faith in the sufficiencies of science, I thought to have found in it a sure refuge from all the contingencies of life. This illusion is gone; when the tempest came which plunged me in sorrow, the moorings, the cable of science, broke like thread. Then I seized upon that help which many before me have laid hold of. I sought and found peace in God; since then I have certainly not abandoned science, but I have assigned to it another place in my life." This is a candid public confession of one whose influence will be felt not only in his own country, but throughout the entire civilized world.

The prayer meeting at the College Chapel last Sunday was not very largely attended. There was heavy wind and rain storm raging at the time and many no doubt supposed that the prayer meeting would be suspended for this time. Those who ventured through the storm were well repaid however for doing so. Brother J. H. Thompson opened the meeting with an earnest prayer. Sister C. Holsinger and brethren Ditch and Stahl spoke on different topics previously assigned. These young members gave us some good thoughts and practical suggestions. Brother Perry read an essay which we publish elsewhere. At the close of the meeting the sun, dispelling the dark clouds, shone forth in all his beauty making a pleasing contrast with the storm which had been raging at the opening of the meeting. Brother Perry alluded to this circumstance and aptly used it as an illustration of the manner by which darkness and gloom may be dispelled by a firm reliance on Him who hath promised to deliver us from sorrow and afflictions if we submit ourselves unto Him.

The German Baptists are guilty of perpretating something new under the sun. Solomon's declaration that a new thing is impossible notwithstanding. Their new meeting house is the newest thing out, and the Church or the world never saw anything like it for *style* of architecture, in this or any other generation. It is neither Grecian nor Gothic; it is neither round nor square; it has neither front nor rear; or it is all front or all rear, no one can tell which. It has five corners, as near as we can remember, and the whole thing is suggestive of the fifth wheel in a wagon. There is one consolation about the looks of the thing. A stranger will pass it by without having the folly of church division advertised to him, as he would never suspect that the unique structure was calculated for a church of any denomination however peculiar, and the superabundance of ornamentation would preclude the idea of a plain Dunkard church entirely. He might however be made to wonder why the Brethren would allow of a Yankee cheese factory being built so close to their church. Verily for the introduction of a *new* thing the conservatives are ahead of the progressives for once.

We learn from the Messenger that our friend and brother P. S. Meyers, of McVeytown, Pa., expects to establish a Brethren church somewhere in California. He is in company with Dr. Flory and Tailor Hadsell, of the German Baptist church and we cannot hope for much of a Brethren church among such associates. The trio have purchased a large body of land, which they expect to sell out to colonists, which reminds us that the plain clothing scheme, no doubt, has panned out pretty well for Hadsell.

Brother Meyers talks about California as the "*promised* land," and tells us about the "luscious grapes that can be carried on a stick." If this means that Flory and Hadsell are returning from California thus loaded with grapes we hope they will give Ashland a call as they pass through. We are however thinking of California as a promised land under another aspect. We are thinking of the mission of certain other spies that have been sent out there to spy out the liberties of our brother Joseph, and *disestablish* the Brethren church in California. In the latter case we firmly believe that if the spies themselves were carried back with a stick, it would prove a greater blessing to Israel than the bunch of sour grapes they expect to bring.

Correspondence.

Huntington, Indiana, Church Items.

EDITORS EVANGELIST: As you have solicited me for items of church news, I will say that the German Baptists expect to hold a communion on the evening of October, 5th, at the Huntington church, the usual invitation is extended. And by way of church matters, would say that prior to the services at brother Bonbrake's barn, there will be an opportunity to re-organize, as brother Holsinger and I thought we had better wait until matters would develop better, but they are sufficiently developed for me. I don't want the Elders to come in here, and I can save them a great trouble, (and a nice little sum of money that brother Hope might use,) by just stepping down off of the fence ond going to work. I have always been a Bible-alone man, and I have no sacrifice to make that conflicts with my view of the Gospel, and as brother Rinehart said in last number, "Let the German Baptists alone," and I would add, and every body else. Let us go to work in earnest, praying for grace to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

The Brethren at the Clear-creek church had a very nice Children's Meeting, and the Brethren of the Huntington church, with which I stand identified until brother Holsinger comes, at which time let others do as they may, I will no longer disfellowship progressives but cast my lot with them and the Gospel alone. And with charity for all, and with malice toward none who differ with me, I am ready and willing by the help of God to do all that I can to promote the cause.

There is considerable sickness at this time and quite a number of deaths. Commending you all to God and His *grace*, I close by asking an interest in your prayers one and all.

Yours in hope of eternal life when the labors on earth are ended.

R. K. BINKLEY.

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DEAR EDITORS: On the evening of the 20th. instant, the Brethren comprising the Bracken church, Huntington, Indiana held their love feast in brother Bonbrake's barn. We had a pleasant meeting, Elders Summers, Cripe, and Heater conducted the services. And as one of them may give you the matter in detail suffice it for me to say that all passed off pleasantly.

On Sabbath evening 21st. instant, services at the Union church near Bracken, by Elders Summers and Heater, and on Monday evening we had the pleasure of listening to a splendid discourse by a brother from Ashland. You may call him any name to suit yourselves. He don't seem to care what they call him, he goes on in the even tenor of his way.

On Tuesay 23rd. met to organize with a few that were ready for that kind of a change. Six that were present stood up for the Brethren cause, and enough more who could not be here on account of sickness to swell the number to eighteen, unless they change their mind which they may do. We are in a world of changes, you know. As for me I shall try and live to the honor of God, and uniting our efforts we may gather about 20 wandering sheep together into one fold of which Christ shall be the Shepherd.

Huntington, Ind.

Announcement,

The Brethren at Middleport, Elkhart county, Indiana, expect to hold their communion meeting on Saturday evening, October 18th, 1884, commencing at 6 o'clock. We expect to have J. W. Fitzgerald to assist in the services. An invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. Those coming by rail will stop off at Dunlaps', half way between Goshen and Elkhart.

N. A. FRAME.

Elkhart, Ind.